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SUBJ: PROBLEM IN ARRANGING EC MEETING WITH SECRETARY

1. PAUL KEATING, FONOFF ASST SEC FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, TOLD US
DECEMBER 5 OF PROBLEM THAT HAD ARISEN IN TRYING TO ARRANGE MEETING
OF EC FONMINS WITH SECRETARY ON MARGINS OF NATO MEETING. HE SAID
THAT EC FONMINS HAD BEEN PREPARED REVIEW STATUS OF US/EC DEC-
LARATION WITH SECRETARY DEC 10 OR 11. THEY UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT
US HAS NOW PROPOSED BROADENING TOPIC TO "GENERAL REVIEW" OF
IMPORTANT OUTSTANDING ISSUES. THIS TROUBLES KEATING, AS THERE IS
PROBABLY NOT TIME ON CALENDAR FOR EC FONMINS TO GET TOGETHER FOR
COORDINATION OF THEIR OWN POSITIONS BEFORE MEETING SECRETARY. IF
THEY DO NOT COORDINATE, THEY WOULD BE MEETING U.S. AS
REPRESENTATIVES OF INDIVIDUAL NATIONS. THOUGH KEATING DID NOT USE
"GROUP OF 10" EXPRESSION, HE CLEARLY WANTED TO AVOID MEETING THAT
WAS NOT TWO-SIDED.

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2. WE SAID THAT WE WERE NOT AWARE OF RECENT US PROPOSAL OF KIND DESCRIBED BY KEATING. WE THOUGHT IT SURPRISING, HOWEVER, THAT ANY EC FONMIN WOULD SEE PROBLEM OF PRINCIPLE IN GENERAL MEETING WITH U.S. COUNTERPART, IN GROUP OF ANY SIZE. WE THOUGHT THIS SORT OF CONTORTION SHOULD PROMPT SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT GUIDELINES EC HAS ADOPTED FOR DIALOGUE WITH U.S. SORENSON

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